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FOR
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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b. Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

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b. ☐ Other _____

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iv. ☐ Other _____

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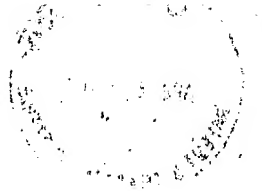
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